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SUBJECT: GOG POLICE ON PRECAUTIONARY ALERT

1. APRIL 21 IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1967 MILITARY
COUP AGAINST GREEK DEMOCRACY. IN ORDER TO CONTAIN POSSIBLE
DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE EXTREME RIGHT OR THE EXTREME LEFT,
THE GOG HAS PLACED THE ATHENS POLICE ON PRECAUTIONARY
ALERT. IN ADDITION, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, THE POLICE
HAVE PROHIBITED ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS
IN THE ATHENS AREA. THE ONE EXCEPTION IS THAT AUTHORIZA-
TION HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR A RALLY IN FRONT OF THE MAIN
BUILDING OF ATHENS UNIVERSITY. THIS RALLY IS BEING
SPONSORED BY VARIOUS, SMALLISH, EXTREME LEFT GROUPS;
THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST OF GREECE (EKKE), THE COM-
MUNIST PARTY OF GREECE, MARXISTS-LENINISTS (KKE-ML), THE
ANTI-DICTATORIAL ANTI-IMPERIALIST STUDENT WING OF GREECE
(AASPS), AND THE PROGRESSIVE ALL TRADE UNION STUDENT
WING (PPSP). THE PROHIBITION ON OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS
AND ALL MARCHES IS REPORTEDLY INTENDED BOTH TO BLOCK AN
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ATTEMPT BY THESE GROUPS TO MARCH ON THIS EMBASSY (ABOUT
2 KILOMETERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY) AS WELL AS TO PREVENT
DISTURBANCES BY SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER JUNTA.

2. COMMENT: WE EXPECT THAT THE GOG WILL GIVE THE
EMBASSY ALL THE PROTECTION NECESSARY. LAST YEAR ONLY
ABOUT 50000 ATTENDED A SIMILAR EXTREMIST RALLY APRIL 21

AND WERE CONTAINED BY THE POLICE. ONE AGAIN, THE
SECURITY FORCES SHOULD BE ABLE TO STOP A MARCH ON THIS
BUILDING BY THE EKKE, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
DAMAGE TO THE CANCERY IN 1975, AND OTHER EXTREME LEFTIST
GROUPS WHICH MIGHT MAKE THE ATTEMPT.
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